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**Bird's Point-New Madrid
Joint Information Center**

Sikeston, MO

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A Birds Point-New Madrid (BP-NM) Floodway Joint Information Center (JIC) has opened. The center is located at 103 S. Kingshighway (corner of Malone and Kingshighway), Sikeston, MO. The JIC can be reached at (877) 219-0478.

Mississippi River Commission president to hold 4 p.m. press conference

SIKESTON, MO., April 30, 2011 – Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh, President of the Mississippi River Commission, is scheduled to host a 4 p.m. press conference at the Birds Point-New Madrid (BP-NM) Floodway Joint Information Center to provide an update on regional flooding, and to discuss the floodway's role in reducing flood risk.

WHO: Mississippi River Commission President Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh and MRC Commissioners

WHERE: BP-NM Floodway Joint Information Center, 103 S Kingshighway, Sikeston, MO.

WHEN: Saturday, April 30th at 4 p.m.

Media unable to attend the press conference in person may dial in by calling 877-336-1839, then enter access code 8968128 followed by the # sign. Please mute your telephones until the conference is opened for questions.

The Floodway is part of a National Flood Protection System designed to minimize damage and save lives from historic flood levels and is located on the west bank of the Mississippi in southeast Missouri, just below the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Its purpose is to lower flood stages and pressure on the entire system during major flood events. The floodway is 35 miles long and varies from 4 to 12 miles in width. Its area comprises about 133,000 acres, or 205 square miles of land.

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